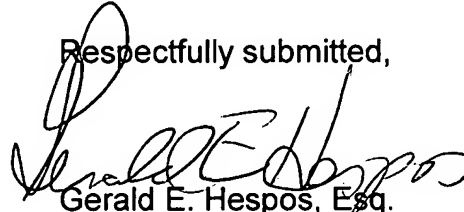


REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

The inventors and Japanese counsel for the inventors had reviewed this application again. A few instances were noted where the English translation did not read as clearly as intended. A few clarifying changes to the claims have been entered to ensure accuracy, clarity and consistency with the specification. These minor amendments do not constitute new matter. Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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